

LR03-JC2.17-1: Process for Exception to Prohibition of Broadcasting. The Code of Judicial Conduct Rule 2.17 prohibits the broadcasting, televising, recording, digital streaming, or photographing of court proceedings or the courtroom while court is in session. Requests to photograph the courtroom when court is not in session may be granted at the Court's discretion.

A member of the news media may request permission to broadcast by submitting a written request at least 7 days in advance of the hearing or proceeding. The request shall be made using the form found in Form C. The Court has discretion to approve or deny a request. An affirmative approval is required. The Court has discretion to modify the request period. If granted, the Court must post notice in the courtroom that news media personnel may be present for broadcast of court proceedings, and filming, photographing, and recording is limited to the authorized news media personnel.

News media is defined as persons employed by or representing a newspaper, periodical, press association, radio station, television station, or wire service and covered by Ind. Code § 34-46-4-1. Representatives of news media organizations may be required to wear identification. The Court has discretion to determine who may be eligible to be admitted as news media and under what conditions.

Broadcast is defined as any broadcasting or recording of court proceedings by news media using still, video or audio equipment.

If approved, all broadcasting shall take place in an area designated by the Court. The Court has discretion to limit or terminate broadcast by a news media organization at any time during the proceeding. The Court may direct the manner in which the proceedings are covered by news media. News media are to be unobtrusive and quiet. News media may not move around the courtroom during proceedings. News media may not conduct interviews in the courtroom. All cameras shall be on a fixed mounting. Handheld cameras are not permitted. Once the court session starts, the camera or recording device may not be moved, tilted or panned. Devices shall use ambient lighting only. Power, internet and other utilities will not be provided by the Court. No cords or boom microphones are allowed.

Broadcasting, recording, digitally streaming, or photographing proceedings will always be prohibited in proceedings that are closed to the public, either by state statute or Indiana Supreme Court rules. This prohibition also applies to minors; juvenile delinquency and child in need of services matters; protective order proceedings; guardianship proceedings; civil proceedings in which children are involved; alleged victims of violent offenses, sex offenses, and domestic abuse; jurors and prospective jurors and the jury selection process; proceedings or portions of proceedings where the court deems it necessary for the

administration of justice (i.e. to protect a witness, other persons or confidential information); attorney-client communications; bench conferences; and materials on counsel tables and judicial bench.

Any violation of this rule may be punishable by contempt of court and/or the impositions of sanctions. Sanctions may include suspension and/or termination of broadcast privileges.

REQUEST FOR NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE OF A COURT PROCEEDING (Form C)

Date of Request: _____ Date/time of proceeding: _____

Case number of proceeding: 03 _____ - _____ - _____

By signing this form, I certify to the judge that I am a member of the news media as defined in Indiana code of Judicial Conduct Rule 2.17: “News media is defined as persons employed by or representing a newspaper, periodical, press association, radio station, television station, or wire service and covered by Indiana Code § 34-46-4-1.”

As a member of the news media, I request permission to broadcast or record a court proceeding in the case above, and my request is for (mark all that apply):

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| _____ Still photography | _____ Video recording equipment |
| _____ Audio recording equipment | _____ Coverage by a pool camera |
| _____ Live broadcast | _____ Delayed broadcast |

Please specify your equipment and intended use of the requested news media coverage:

I understand that the presiding judge has discretion to approve or deny this request for broadcast coverage and may, if granted, limit, interrupt, or terminate broadcast coverage at any time. I also understand the presiding judge may determine the location and quantity of broadcast equipment. I have reviewed the Bartholomew County Local Rule LR03-JC2.17-1, and I agree to abide it. I understand that violation of a court order may result in a finding of contempt of court and that sanctions may be imposed for a violation.

Signature

Printed name

Media Outlet making request

Network or publisher affiliation

Telephone number

email address

For Court Use:

_____ Denied:

_____ The requestor is not news media as defined by Judicial Conduct Rule 2.17.

_____ Safety and security concerns.

_____ The proceeding is closed to the public by either state statute, Indiana Supreme Court Rules, or local rule.

_____ Other.

_____ Granted for:

_____ Still photography

_____ Video recording equipment

_____ Audio recording equipment

_____ Coverage by a pool camera

_____ Live broadcast

_____ Delayed broadcast

With the restrictions outlined in the Bartholomew County Local Rule LR03-JC2.17-1, and the following additional restrictions:

To be filed in Cause Number 03 _____ - _____ - _____ - _____